GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS UNDER PM`S SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for construction of highways during 2003-04 and 2004-05 under the PM`s scheme;

(b) whether the work is progressing as per schedule;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to overcome the impediments and complete the construction of highways as per schedule?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) 1398.60 km and 3439.05 km of National Highways are targeted to be 4/6laned under the Prime Minister`s National Highways Development Project during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

(b) and (c) It is expected that the targets would be substantially adhered to.

(d) The following steps are being taken to complete the project as per schedule:

(i) Taking up issues regarding land acquisition, shifting of utilities, law and order etc. at the highest level with the State Governments.

(ii) Nomination of Senior Officers as Nodal Officers by the State Governments to co-ordinate issues relating to timely execution of the projects.

(iii) Official level meetings with the State Governments concerned and Ministry of Railways to resolve problems.

(iv) Regular monitoring through daily and weekly progress reports.

(v) Regular meetings at the level of the Minister to review the progress and performance of Contractors/Consultants/Officials of NHAI.

(vi) Provisions of incentives such as bonus for early completion of projects and disincentives such as liquidity damages for delay in completion in the contracts.